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SUBJECT: US-MEXICAN SPACE COOPERATION

1. SCICOUNS MET FEB 19 WITH DIRECTOR NATIONAL OUTER SPACE COMMISSION (CONEE) H. RAUL HIGUERA MOTA AND CONEE TECHNICAL COORDINATOR SERGIO PADILLA GUZMAN FOR DISCUSSION STATUS NASA-CONEE COOPERATION.

2. HIGUERA MOTA NOTED THAT ONLY ONE MEMBER MEXICAN REMOTE SENSING USERS GROUP (ACOSTA DEL CAMPO) HAS BEEN SUBMITTING REPORTS REQUIRED UNDER CONEE-NASA AGREEMENT AND, AS CONSEQUENCE, WHEN LANDSAT II LAUNCHED, NASA AUTHORIZED ONLY DATA FROM HIS ONE RESEARCH AREA TO BE SUPPLIED CONEE. HIGUERA COMPLAINED THAT OTHER GOM AGENCIES AND UNIVERSITY RESEARCHERS DEAL DIRECTLY WITH NASA FIELD CENTERS, BYPASSING CONEE; THUS INCENTIVE TO FULFILL AGREEMENT REPORTING COMMITMENTS BY USERS IS REMOVED.

3. HIGUERA TRYING CHANNEL ALL NASA SPACE INFO THROUGH CONEE AND WOULD LIKE NASA TO SUPPORT THIS EFFORT BY REFERRING ALL REQUESTS FROM MEXICAN AGENCIES TO CONEE.

4. SCICUNCS MENTIONED U.S. CONCERN AND CHAGRIN THAT NUMEROUS NASA REQUESTS FOR OVERFLIGHTS RELATED TO SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST WERE BEING TURNED DOWN BY FOREIGN OFFICE. HIGUERA SAID THAT IF ENOUGH ADVANCE NOTICE OF PROPOSED OVERFLIGHT
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RECEIVED HE WOULD TRY TO MAKE CASE FOR APPROVAL TO

FOREIGN OFFICE.

5. DISCUSSION CONCLUDED WITH RECOMMENDATION THAT IT
IMPORTANT TO HAVE EARLY NASA-CONEE MEETING TO REVIEW
STATUS OF SPACE AGREEMENTS WITH VIEW TO IMPROVING US-
MEXICAN SPACE COOPERATION. SCICOUNS WOULD BE PLEASED
MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR NASA DEL IF MEETING HELD MEXICO.
PLEASE ADVISE.

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